

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure, ~~the method comprising:~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ using, as a part of a starting material, a recycled raw material recycled from a recovered material generated in a process for manufacturing the silicon carbide based honeycomb structure and derived from a starting material for a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure;  
\_\_\_\_\_ ~~pulverizing wherein the recycled raw material is pulverized to have an average~~  
particle size of 10 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ ; ~~and~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing a new silicon carbide based honeycomb structure by using the  
pulverized recycled raw material.
2. (Original) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 1, wherein the recycled raw material accounts for 50% by mass or less of a whole starting raw material.
3. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure, comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ ~~using wherein an unpulverized silicon carbide based honeycomb structure and~~  
a new raw material ~~are used as a starting material;~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ ~~adding water is added to the starting material;~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ ~~kneading and pulverizing the starting material is kneaded with being~~  
~~pulverized to give form kneaded clay; clay; and~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing a new silicon carbide based honeycomb structure is  
~~manufactured by using the kneaded clay.~~

4. (Original) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 3, wherein the unpulverized silicon carbide based honeycomb structure accounts for 50% by mass or less of a whole starting raw material.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 3, further comprising:

adding wherein a binder is further added to the starting material for kneading.

6. (Previously Presented) A silicon carbide based honeycomb structure manufactured by a method according to claim 1.

7. (Previously Presented) A silicon carbide based honeycomb structure manufactured by a method according to claim 3.

8. (New) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 3, wherein the kneading and pulverizing step comprises:

pulverizing the silicon carbide in the starting material to an average size of 10 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .